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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 22 February 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In the response filed, Applicant argues that Shimamura does not disclose a display device which displays a picture "taken from the perspective of the camera". However, the examiner disagrees. Shimamura discloses an auxiliary display device which displays an image which "matches an area in which the photograph is being taken". Since the photograph areas match, the displayed image can be said to be equivalent to a picture taken from the perspective of the camera.
2. It is further noted that claims 1 and 15 are apparatus claims and recite intended uses of the display. MPEP 2114 states that recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim. Since the intended use limitations do not result in structural differences between the claims and Shimamura, Shimamura reads on the limitations as claimed.
3. Therefore, Applicant's arguments are not considered persuasive and the response does not place the application in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TIMOTHY J. HENN whose telephone number is (571)272-7310. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 11-7.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached on (571) 272-7372. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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